

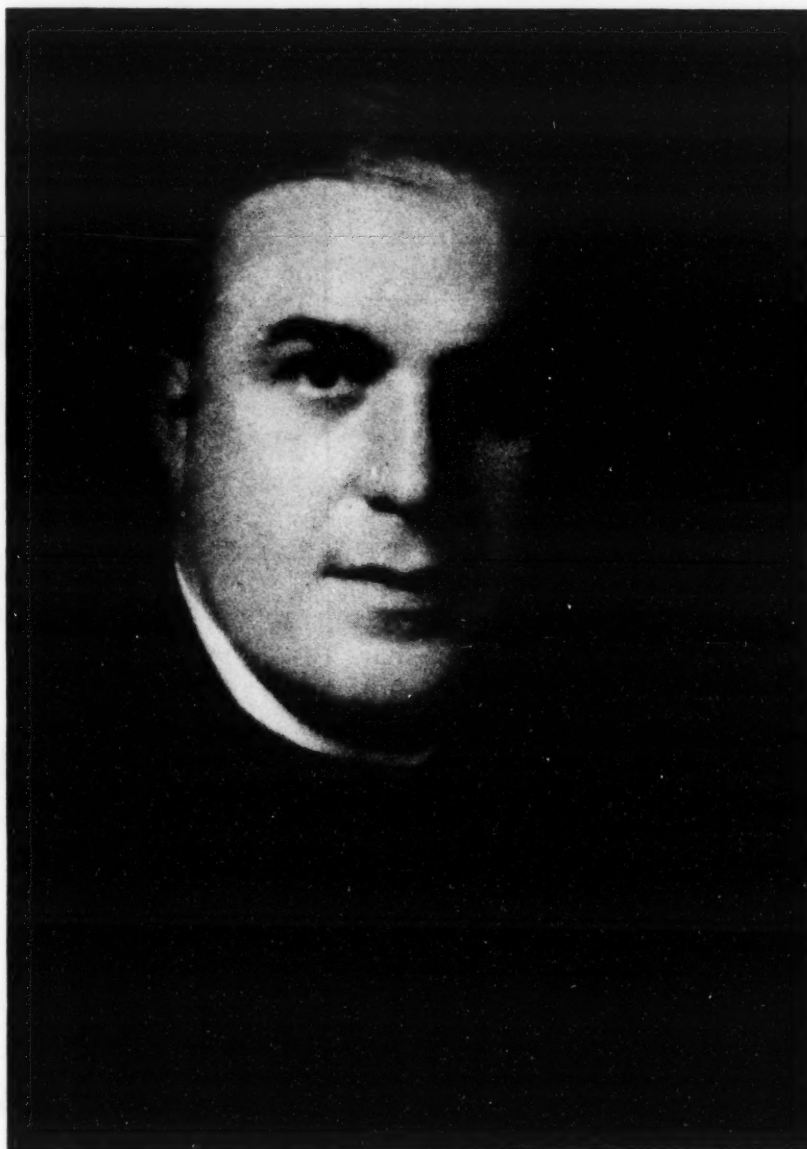
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The Bishop's Page

The Coadjutor-elect

This paper goes to press before we can do more than report the election of the Reverend Dr. Karl Block of St. Louis to be Bishop-Coadjutor of the Diocese. We hope that very shortly we shall have the news of his acceptance. Indeed our hope is very confident expectation. We have prayed for months that we might have the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the election; and I am sure that we all left the Cathedral that Tuesday afternoon feeling that indeed God had guided us. There was a fine spirit of unity. The election on the first ballot by so large a majority is not unprecedented. Indeed it happened in the case of our own Archdeacon Porter. But it certainly happens rarely that a man unknown personally to most of the members of the Convention, living so far away, a visitor in the Diocese only once and that for but a day or two should receive such recognition. We believe that Dr. Block can hardly feel other than that it is the call of God. He is coming to visit us shortly and we hope and pray that his study of the opportunities here may lead to an acceptance in the near future.

I can repeat here only what I said to the Convention and have said informally to many individuals. I am very happy in the result. Dr. Block has had long and intimate contact with the work of the Church at home and abroad. He has served as a member of the National Council and of the Forward Movement Commission. He is in touch with the leaders of the Church and its central life. He will bring to us fine understanding of the Church's need and the Church's opportunity. He will bring us new inspiration and a new approach of our special problems. There is nothing, it seems to me, that can bring greater joy to a man who is surrendering his responsibilities than the confidence that his successor is going to do much that he himself has not been able to do and carry forward the work with splendid new power.

I am not going to write more now; but simply fill the rest of the Bishop's Page with a part of the brief address which I made at the Special Convention. It says what I trust may be close to the hearts of all the members of the Diocese. It tells you a little more of what any and every bishop wants to be.

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Address at Special Convention

After speaking of some technical matters I went on as follows:

"But as we approach the actual election I do wish to say one special thing concerning those qualifications. There are so many which are desirable, administrative, pastoral, personal that sometimes it is easy to forget that the primary and all important function of the Bishop is not to be any of these special things but to exercise them all in the spirit of that one great title which the Canons give him—Chief Pastor of the Diocese, or of that ancient form of address: Father in God. If he administers, if he preaches, if he untangles tangled situations, if he studies lists of figures or organizes a campaign, none of these things is primary. All are secondary to the one task which has been laid upon him—so far as God gives him strength and guidance to represent to his people the things of God, to make clear the wealth

and the width of His love, the greatness of His glory, the meaning in human life of Jesus Christ, God's gift to men. Something of the atmosphere of high and heavenly things surrounds him. Something of the freedom, the piercing and shattering courage of Christ will be his. Whatever else he may be, my dear people, he always is Father-in-God and Chief Pastor.

No bishop has ever succeeded in being all this to his people. No bishop who has served a score of years but looks back and seems to see chiefly his longing and his effort shot through with failures, wrong judgments, shortcomings, inadequacies. He may, like the aged Rabbi Ben Ezra take comfort in what he "aspired to be and was not". But whatever his failure, to be Father-in-God is that to which God calls him when he calls him to be a Bishop.

But you will say to me: We know all that. We have been working and praying for God's guidance that we may choose just such a man. We have come here for the most part with our minds already made up, thinking we have found him. Why then such words now?

This is my reason, dear brothers. I would try to say something which may deepen the sense of responsibility as we cast our votes. It is a profoundly deep and spiritual kind of thing which we are doing. There is a quality in the action which makes it somehow different from many votes which we cast as citizens, although all those votes ought to be cast as in the sight of God. Trivial considerations, personal likings, prejudices have no place here. You are choosing for yourselves and for many many thousands of old and young and yet unborn one who will stand out for them (weak human vessel though he be) as the one who in his office somehow represents the things of God more than any one else, in the range of their immediate experience, save a dear and honored parish priest. We cannot take lightly such a responsibility. We must feel as my beloved predecessor said nineteen years ago:

"In all earnestness our yearning is to have the words and acts of this Convention first seem good to the Holy Spirit as guiding us into what seems good to us. The record of this assembly may be big with influence upon Church interests in this Diocese for a generation. The consciousness of that can sanctify every act of the coming election as a spiritual act. Every one who makes a nomination aright in that spirit can feel ardent with a call to step upon holy ground. A flame of fire is at his standpoint. He is speaking in the close presence of God. He is illumined with deliberation, of prayer and thoroughness of knowledge and of conviction of the qualification and availability of him he names."

It is that, all that, which I would bring before you now. We cast our votes in the presence of God. We cast them with prayer that we may be doing His will. If in the balloting we change from one to another as we may well do, it is still because, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we look on beyond for unity in the mind of Christ.

It is true that it is all a very practical matter. We have ballot boxes. We mark ballots. The tellers count. It is all just as it might be were we electing the secretary of a social club. But it is not. It goes beyond that. Let us look beyond. Let us see it all in the light of the high and heavenly things for which we seek. My Christian brothers, I summon you to one of the high moments of your Christian calling.

News of the Diocese

Calendar of Events May

- April 30-May 1—Wayside Cross Pilgrimage.
 4—Divinity School Commencement, Berkeley, 11 a. m.
 4—Conference on Adult Education, St. Margaret's House, Berkeley, 2:00 p. m.
 5—Social Service Department Meeting at St. Andrew's Inn, 12:15 p. m.
 8-13—Provincial Synod Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada.
 16—Religious Education Department Meeting, 2:00 p. m.
 17—Convocation of Oakland, St. Paul's, Ross.
 18—Department of Missions Meeting, 11:00 a. m.
 18—Diocesan Council Meeting, 2:00 p. m.
 19—Convocation of San Francisco, St. John's, Ross.
 20—Convocation of San Jose, Trinity, San Jose.
 21—Annual Service of Offerings, Cathedral, 2:00 p. m.
 23—Monthly Diocesan Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, St. Paul's, San Rafael, 12:30 p. m.
 25—Department of Publicity Meeting, 2:00 p. m.

Rev. Dr. Karl Morgan Block Elected Bishop-Coadjutor on First Ballot

The Rev. Karl Morgan Block, D.D., LL.D., Rector of the Church of St. Michael and St. George, St. Louis, Mo., was elected Bishop-Coadjutor of the Diocese of California on the first ballot at the Special Convention held in Grace Cathedral, Tuesday, April 19, 1938.

The Special Convention opened with the celebration of the Holy Communion, Bishop Parsons being the celebrant; Archdeacon Hodgkin epistoler, and the Rev. Dr. Mark Riftenbark, gospeller.

The Bishop gave a brief address, as found on page 3, indicating the deep, spiritual meaning of the occasion of an election of a Bishop-Coadjutor.

After the formal opening of the Convention, nominations were made as follows: The Rev. Isaac Dawson nominated the Very Rev. Henry H. Shires, D.D., Dean of the Church Divinity School; the Rev. Allan W. Geddes nominated the Rev. Mark Riftenbark, D.D., rector of Trinity Church, San Jose; the Rev. Charles P. Otis nominated the Rev. George Davidson, rector of St. John's Church, Los Angeles; the Rev. James P. Turner, D.D., nominated the Rev. Karl Morgan Block, D.D., LL.D., rector of the Church of St. Michael and St. George, St. Louis, Mo.; the Rev. John A. Collins nominated the Rev. Charles P. Deems, D.D., rector of St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

The tellers' report on the first ballot resulted as follows: Clergy vote: number cast 71; necessary for a choice, 36; Rev. Dr. Block, 42; Rev. Dr. Riftenbark, 11; Dean H. H. Shires, 7; Rev. Dr. Davidson, 7; Rev. Dr. Chas. P. Deems, 4. Rev. Dr. Block elected by the clerical order.

Lay Vote: Number cast, 205; necessary for a choice, 103; Rev. Dr. Block, 128; Rev. Dr. Riftenbark, 42; Dean H. H. Shires, 19; Rev. Dr. Davidson, 13; Rev. Dr. Chas. P. Deems, 2; Archdeacon Hodgkin, 1. Rev. Dr. Block elected by the lay order.

The Rev. Dr. Karl Morgan Block was declared elected on the first ballot by both orders. Upon motion by the Rev. Dr. Riftenbark and seconded by Dean H. H. Shires, the Rev. Dr. Block was declared elected unanimously.

The Bishop appointed the following Notification Committee to notify Dr. Block of his election: Rev. Mark Riftenbark, D.D.; Rev. H. H. Shires, D.D.; Rev. James P. Turner, D.D.; Louis F. Monteagle; Gen. Robert H. Noble; Rev. John C. Leffler; Clifton H. Kroll; A. J. Dibblee.

DR. BLOCK ACCEPTS ELECTION

The Rev. Dr. Karl Morgan Block arrived in San Francisco Wednesday morning, April 27th, and after a meeting with the Notification Committee and the Standing Committee stated his acceptance of his election as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of California.

In Memoriam

Professor Henry Rushton Fairclough, Ph.D.

WHEREAS: Professor Henry Rushton Fairclough was, for more than a decade, senior warden of this parish, and during the entire life of the parish, was a loyal communicant of it, and labored diligently to give it an honorable place in the Diocese of California:

AND WHEREAS: He was an honored friend of all the members of the vestry, who will always miss his wise and kindly advice:

AND WHEREAS: Death has claimed him, and left his friends and relatives desolate:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Vestry go on record as expressing its deep sense of loss at his leaving us, and that it pray God that he may go from strength to strength in the new life that knows no end.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, and to the Pacific Churchman, and that they be spread upon the Minutes of the Vestry and entered in our Book of Memory.

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Successful Conference in Oakland

Between two and three hundred persons attended an interdenominational conference on Christian Faith, Work and Unity, which was held in St. Paul's Church, Oakland, on the six Monday evenings of Lent. Following a service and address each evening in the church, five seminars met in the Parish House, dealing with the five sections of the Oxford Conference report—the Church and Community, the Church and Education, the Church and the Economic Order, Church and State, the Universal Church, and the World of Nations.

All Saints' Church, San Francisco

By Alice Mitchell

On Easter Day we had six separate services at which the attendance far exceeded previous years and Dr. Little, still weak from his recent illness, presided at all six services. The Altar Guild under the leadership of Miss Eugenie Rolph are indeed to be commended for the beautiful decorations in the church and also the choir under the direction of Miss Florence White so ably presented Roberts' anthem, "Christ Is Risen."

ASILOMAR

Be sure to see the Asilomar announcement on the back cover of this issue. Registrations may be sent to Miss Young. Additional copies of this announcement may be secured at the Diocesan House.

Presiding Bishop to Visit Diocese

The Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, D.D., Presiding Bishop, will visit the Diocese, May 19-22. Bishop Tucker will speak in Trinity Church, San Jose, Friday evening, May 20, at the Convocation meeting. On Saturday afternoon, May 21, at 2:00 p. m., he will speak in the Cathedral at the Annual Service of Offerings. On Sunday morning, May 22, he will preach at St. Paul's, Oakland, and at the Cathedral afternoon service at 4:00 o'clock.

Divinity School Commencement

Commencement exercises at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific at Berkeley are being held this year on May 4. Arrangements for an extensive program have been made, and all Churchmen are invited to participate. Bishop Stevens of Los Angeles will be the commencement speaker at the exercises in the evening, when five men will graduate, with Bishop Parsons presiding. The schedule follows:

- 11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion in All Saints Chapel, the Rev. D. Charles Gardner celebrating. Dedication of the Powell Memorial Lectern, with the Rev. Arthur Farlander speaking.
- 12:30 P.M.—Buffet Luncheon at Gibbs Hall.
- 2:00 P.M.—Alumni Meeting, with paper by the Rev. Canon Bayard Jones.
- 4:00 P.M.—Tea at the Deanery.
- 4:30 P.M.—Trustees Meeting at Gibbs Hall.
- 6:00 P.M.—Annual Banquet at the Berkeley Women's City Club.
- 8:00 P.M.—Commencement Exercises at St. Mark's Parish Hall, Berkeley.

St. Peter's by the Golden Gate

This Parish is preparing to celebrate May 22nd as the twentieth anniversary of the ordination of its rector, Rev. John Collins, by the late Bishop Nichols. Following his ordination Mr. Collins spent nine years in the Santa Clara Valley, serving as rector of Our Holy Saviour in Santa Clara, St. Luke's in Los Gatos, St. John's in Saratoga, and Christ Church in Patchin. In 1927 he was appointed as assistant to Dean Gresham at Grace Cathedral serving 3½ years. After a brief stay at St. Stephen's, San Luis Obispo, he was elected in August, 1931, to serve as rector of St. Peter's by the Golden Gate. Special music will be prepared for the three morning services at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00. The 9:30 service of the Church School will be one of family devotions.

House of Young Churchmen

By Lewis Burwell

The last Council meeting of the House of Young Churchmen met in the YPL Room at Christ Church, Alameda. Following an excellent lunch, the council meeting opened with a discussion concerning the selection of a leader for the Young People's Hour during the Asilomar Conference. Mrs. W. W. Caruth consented to act as hostess and Assistant Director of Recreation. Excellent progress was made during the meeting, and we of the Council solicit your support in making this one of the most progressive years in our history. Remember, Young Churchmen, this is your organization, let's have some suggestions from YOU—the Council can only make progress by knowing that which interests you most.

The Council decided to drop the Asilomar Rally this year. If you wish to have this rally, contact one of the Council members or write the Secretary.

Miss Young mentioned The Wayside Cross Pilgrimage on April 30 and May 1, Saturday and Sunday. She suggested that the Council and as many of the Church young

people who can make the trip, should plan to join the Pilgrimage along the way.

We have already started on the first issue of the Young Churchman's Crusader, and you should receive a copy by the following Sunday. This is to be the official publication of The House of Young Churchmen; any material or suggestions will be gratefully accepted by the Editor, Young Churchman's Crusader, 1055 Taylor St., San Francisco, California.

The next Council meeting will be held in Palo Alto, California, on Sunday, May 15, 1938. If you have any suggestions please mail them to Miss Lydia Roth, Secretary, 251 Lincoln Ave., Palo Alto, California.

Berkeley Life and Work Conference

Fifty college students of the Far Western Province met at Berkeley recently for a two-day Conference on Life and Work. Joint chairmen of the Conference were Dean Henry Shires of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and Miss Ellen Gammack of St. Margaret's House. Leading speakers were Bishop Parsons of California and Mrs. Harper Sibley.

The Provincial Synod Meeting

The meeting of the Synod of the Province of the Pacific will be held at Las Vegas, Nevada, May 8 to 13. The delegates from the Diocese are: Rev. Dr. Mark Rifenbark; Rev. L. L. Lindsay, Patton; Rev. C. P. Otis; Rev. F. H. Avery; Com. J. S. Graham; Frank E. Lee; F. M. Avery; H. R. Braden. Alternates are: Rev. Oscar F. Green; Rev. C. R. Greenleaf; Rev. H. S. Brewster; Rev. A. R. Merrix; Capt. F. H. Young; Dr. C. Carlisle; David Ruggles; G. E. B. Welles.

Religious Education

The new car, a 1938 two-door Chevrolet sedan, purchased by the Department of Religious Education under the supervision of the Rev. Lindley H. Miller, is being enjoyed very much by the Director in traveling from one Parish to another. She is looking forward to visiting all the Church Schools in the Diocese. The car makes it possible.

The Annual Service of Offerings will be on Saturday afternoon, May 21st, at 2 o'clock in Grace Cathedral. The Presiding Bishop will be the special speaker. This service has been growing in size each year, and we are looking forward to having even more children attend this year. The three offerings—the Lenten, Birthday, and Little Helpers—will all be presented at this service. Reports will also be made of those Church Schools which have met the requirements of the Twelve Point Standard.

Our Christmas Box to Alaska, as was announced last month, has to be mailed by the middle of June. Assignments have been sent to all the Church Schools in the Diocese. Many have accepted, and have started working on this next Diocesan enterprise.

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The Archdeacon's Letter

Dear Friends in the Diocese of California:

This April has indeed been a great month! Fine weather after refreshing rains. Large congregations of people really interested in religion. A wonderful Easter. A Special Convention in which the Diocese showed a unanimity of spirit that was a joy to all. It had been my privilege as a member of the Forward Movement Commission to know Dr. Karl Block who was its secretary. If any one worked hard and diligently and effectively it was he. Not only did he record the minutes but also the remarks of members and prepare them for all the members to have copies, but he wrote some of the Forward Day by Day booklets. I know a warm welcome awaits him in the Diocese.

My first visit to Paso Robles, since the Rev. Lloyd B. Thomas and his family moved there, was made on April 3rd. They have been enthusiastically welcomed and it looks to me as though we shall see that part of the Diocese come right to the front once more. It has been nearly a year since there has been any regular pastoral oversight, and it does not take long for a mission to get rundown. The choirs at Paso Robles and King City are made up of High School students who enjoy the opportunities to sing God's praises. We also went that Sunday to Parkfield, this being Mr. Thomas' first visit there.

Mr. Thomas is getting ready for the Wayside Cross Service, May 1st at 11:00 a. m. The Diocesan Pilgrimage assembles April 30th at St. Augustine's, Oakland, 27th and West Streets, at 9:00 a. m. and after a short Service will leave at 9:30, passing Trinity and St. Paul's and on through San Leandro, Hayward, Centerville to Capitola for lunch. Pilgrims, take your own lunch for Saturday.

I had the pleasure of visiting St. John's, Stockton, twice during the month for Tuesday evening Services. The Rev. Seth Hawley, the Rector, has a fine Parish there.

On Easter I visited Brentwood for an eight o'clock Service. The music was furnished by a male sextette, which included members of our Church and of the Methodist Church, among them their Minister. At eleven the same men led the singing at the Methodist Church and during the afternoon sang from Oakland over KRE, and in the evening took part in a Cantata in Brentwood. That might be called practical Church Unity. My second Easter Service was at St. John's, San Francisco, where as usual on Easter the Church was beautifully decorated and the choir was superb. Major Clarke, who is now studying for Holy Orders, is a real pastor.

Easter Monday the Rev. W. W. Jennings and I were at Cypress Lawn for the Easter Monday Service. The Chapel there has been made over and is very attractive. The good people of the Church of the Incarnation provided the music.

As I look over my calendar I find myself looking forward to visiting St. John the Baptist Mission at Capitola, and St. Andrew's Ben Lomond. I regret that a letter from the Rev. Harold Jenkins indicates that he may not be ready to take up work again as soon as he had expected; let us remember him in our prayers. Thanks are due to the Rev. A. E. Clay for taking Services so often at Capitola, and to the Rev. Norman Snow for looking after Ben Lomond.

Hoping to see you all, at least some of you, at the Wayside Cross, and with best wishes,

Your friend,

W. R. H. HODGKIN.

GRACE CATHEDRAL NOTES A Gracious Gift

At a quietly impressive ceremony attended by only a few special friends of the donors in the early afternoon of Monday in Passion Week, April 4, the exquisite new Altar Book was dedicated. This is the gift of the Rev. and Mrs. George B. Stone-Alcock, who spend a part of each winter in San Francisco and have shown a great interest in the progress of the Cathedral. The book was hand-tooled by Miss Octavia Holden and is bound in blue leather with mountings of silver. These, together with the antique silver crosses and medallions which finish the ribbon markers were collected in various parts of Europe over a long period of years. The special service was read by the Dean and the book was delivered into the hands of the Canon Sacrist. It was first used on Easter Day.

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A Very Special Convention

As Church Conventions go, that which the Cathedral housed on April 19 was nearly perfect. We hope that the atmosphere of the gothic arches and the inspiring tones of our great organ contributed something to the feeling of brotherly sincerity and high purpose which characterized the assemblage. The majority attendance of delegates from parishes and missions as well as the clerical attendance made the long lines of reverent communicants unusually impressive. The election on the first ballot, while it made many people gasp, was no accident. A long prayerful preparation had led to an understanding between clergy and laity that is almost unprecedented. We are sorry that in the use of the modern improved setting of the Gloria in Excelsis the joyous singing of the Convention was slightly cramped. Can we not all learn the new setting before the next Convention?

The Round Table Luncheon to the Clergy

By Hamilton Murray,
Secretary Churchmen's Round Table

This year the Annual Luncheon to our Clergy was given at the Commercial Club in San Francisco. The day after the election convention should have helped us increase our normal guest attendance. But the brevity of the affairs that made a new all-time record in voting caused a number of out-of-towners to leave early.

Most interesting was the "close up" account of the work of the fact finding committee. The appointment of a group to study the records of possible candidates was a wise and most fortunate move. The entire diocese for once gained a sound bit of assaying in the place of hit or miss advertising.

General consensus of thought was that never had a bishop been chosen so enthusiastically and decisively. It is a tribute to Dr. Block who is known to only a few of us.

At the luncheon the far off clergy from the outlying districts received the warmest greetings. Those from the Bay Area seemed to be dwarfed by the man from the little mission.

A near riot was caused when Father Otis refused to be outranked as a pluralist by the Rev. Mr. Muray. The Round Table roll call is made by calling your own name out as you rise, as well as your parish. Rev. Mr. Muray announced that he had Mill Valley and San Quentin. Refusing to be outdone Father Otis countered that he hailed from the Advent and the *Juvenile Detention Home*.

Bishop Parsons spoke briefly and informally on the changes in the diocese during the last eighteen years, and

stated that he expected to turn all of the activities over to his successor during the next fall.

Our Archdeacon Hodgkin was the only one present who knows Dr. Block as "Karl" and from his account we all know that the diocese has chosen both wisely and well.

Mr. Avery, Junior Warden of St. Paul's in Oakland spoke of the late Theodore Dredge and showed a beautifully illuminated memorial resolution which is to be presented to the Dredge family. It commemorates forty years of service and devotion to his parish. The Round Table records show that Mr. Dredge was a charter member and attended its first meeting many years ago. He died in the Cathedral in Honolulu at almost the exact time that Dr. Henry Rushton Fairclough was stricken in Palo Alto. We have lost two of our most beloved members and somehow we just cannot bring ourselves to set their names aside in our active record list.

Woman's Auxiliary News

To my fellow-workers in the Woman's Auxiliary:

A matter of such general interest and appeal is before us all that I am taking this way of bringing it to your attention. A letter from Miss Eva Corey, who is the "big sister" of this diocese on the National Council, has called our attention to the large cuts and curtailments which have been made necessary in the mission field just recently. We of California know from first-hand experience just how important it is that the mission work of our church shall go forward, not back. We live too closely to missions not to have this threat strike us close to our hearts.

There are two things you and I must do, and do them both quickly and with such a conviction in our souls that it will help to lift our church out of the apathy which has seemed to surround many of us in this matter, that we may make each parish so "mission-conscious" that this emergency will never occur again. For as Miss Corey says, "The question now is how can we save our missionary districts and workers from further disaster? This is not an emergency in the sense that if met, it will not recur, but is rather a general state of affairs that indicates either a permanent curtailment in order to live within our income or such a revival of interest in and devotion to Our Lord's Mission to this world as will permit the Church to go forward." She is right, and every one of us knows it—the Church only goes forward when we are obeying Christ's command to spread His message. The challenge was thrown to us in Cincinnati, Does the Christian Church in America exist only to maintain the *status quo* of hereditary Christians? We know that if it does, we are surely lost, against the tremendous onslaught of all that is non-Christian in the world today.

The first thing then for you and me to do, is to help meet the present needs by aiding our own bishop to fulfill our diocesan pledge, not only to the last dollar, but with an overflow as large as possible. We women promised to underwrite the amount pledged from this diocese by five hundred dollars. But our diocesan pledge is not one we are proud of; it should have been increased this year. Many of us women wish it were larger, and some of us are planning to raise money in our Woman's Auxiliary groups, or by individual gifts, small and large, according to our guidance and ability, which will be sent to our bishop to meet and perhaps to increase the pledge he made in our name.

This appeal is not an assessment made from your diocesan branch, but we hope it will be an assessment that each one of us will feel called to make upon her own self—for one reason only, because of our love of Christ and our unwillingness to let His work drop at such a crucial period in history. I have heard of one fifty-dollar gift and one of one hundred dollars which have been voted upon by branches. What can you and your branch do? Individual gifts or adequate corporate gifts, the method is for you to decide. But do act

quickly, and send the money to the Woman's Auxiliary treasurer, to be sent through the Bishop's Auxiliary Fund, for this purpose.

When this present emergency is met, then our task is to build up knowledge and interest in the mission field so that another year this last-minute appeal will not be necessary. Again, the method of education is for you to decide. I believe that the challenge to Christian action has never been greater than it is in this day. The remarkable courage and spirit of many first-generation Christians in war-torn Asia is something which portends a wonderful future for their church. Is our spirit and faith and our response to the great need of Christ's people equal to theirs? It should be.

Yours in fellowship,

BEATRICE O. JONES,

Diocesan President, Woman's Auxiliary.

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The monthly diocesan meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary which would normally be held on the second Monday, has been postponed until May 23rd, so that we may have the message of the provincial synod brought to us. Owing to the fact that St. John's, Ross, where we were scheduled to meet, has been chosen for the meeting place of the San Francisco convocation this month, it has been thought best to have our Woman's Auxiliary meeting at St. Paul's, San Rafael. Please note this change, and bring your sandwiches with you for a 12:30 lunch together before the program.



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